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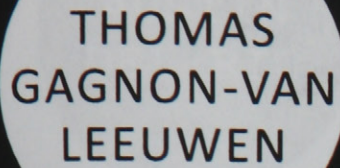
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# AND YOU THOUGHT THE HARD PART WAS GETTING ADMITTED

Congratulations — if you're reading this, chances are you are a student at one of the world's top law schools. For every one of you, there are nine others who didn't make the cut. You might want to give yourself a pat on the back — you deserve it, you really do.

Now comes the real work: completing your three to four years of legal education.

## LAW SCHOOL IS (KIND OF) HARD

Not to be alarmist, but law school is hard. Challenging, if you will. Sometimes it is daunting, other times discouraging, often anxiety-inducing. Somehow, I failed to realize when I gleefully accepted my admission offer all these months ago that choosing law meant, in practice, reading cases and doctrine day in and day out, absorbing and synthesizing and repackaging an ungodly amount of information, not to mention actually paying attention and — hopefully — participating in class.

The good news is, the heavy workload and intellectual strain law imposes on those who study it is manageable. I look back at the foot-high pile of first-year readings that still sits in my room and I can't quite compute how I managed to read it all, at least *en diagonale*. But I made it to April 27th in one piece, and like every year, so did the overwhelming majority of 1Ls. Incoming class of 2011, you will too! One of the reasons the admission process is so selective is ensuring all students will succeed.

Still, the fact remains: law school is hard.

## YOU'RE NOT ALONE

In my experience, with a personal life in solid shape, you'll have the fuel to power through tough academic times. Similarly, if law school is going smoothly, personal road bumps won't bring you down. But when difficulties on both sides start piling up, you might feel overwhelmed, paralyzed or just plain anxious. You may be lucky and go through your first (or second, third, fourth) year relatively unscathed. Or, like most, you may have to confront harder times, whether it's right now, after winter break, or just before finals. Student life's many variables—money, health, family, career aspirations, relationships (romantic or otherwise)—provide ample opportunity for turmoil. Guess what? You're not alone. It's normal.

No one likes to talk about being down, especially cream-of-the-crop overachievers with finely polished Facebook profiles. The lawyer inside us both encourages and allows us to put up a cookie-cutter image of the engaged, intellectually-stimulated, well-balanced student. And that's okay — good vibes are contagious. New Chancellor Day Hall is better off with smiling, friendly faces than gloomy ones. The unfortunate side effect for ones who are struggling is to feel alone in their predicament. If or when you do, realize you're not alone. We all go through a rough patch at one point or another. It just doesn't necessarily show.

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#### USE THE RESOURCES

Here's the good news: you have resources at your disposal. McGill has many services available to students, listed at <http://www.mcgill.ca/students/>. Paid your fees? You've paid for these services. *Use them*. Among them, the Counselling Service (<http://www.mcgill.ca/counselling/>) will offer an attentive and trained ear to any type of problem you might be facing. Making an appointment is easy and confidential. For psychiatric help, see the Mental Health service (<http://www.mcgill.ca/mentalhealth/>).

#### UN/SOLICITED ADVICE

Eager to contribute to the well-being of all students, the Quid is doing its part. It's my pleasure to introduce what we hope will become a regular feature in the Quid this year: Un/Solicited Advice. Turn to the back page of this issue for the inaugural edition — the Quid now has its very own advice column! Practical questions, concerns, insecurities, random thoughts — write to [dear.beverly@gmail.com](mailto:dear.beverly@gmail.com) and Beverly

will give you her two cents in the following issue of the Quid, anonymity guaranteed. The idea is to lighten the mood while still providing valuable advice for everyone's benefit.

Disclaimer: obviously, Beverly is not a trained professional and her advice is informal. It is not a substitute for professional services (see above). Of course, they are not mutually exclusive!

#### WITH THAT OUT OF THE WAY...

Apologies for the heavy subject of my first editorial, especially this early in the year, but now is the time to put the information out there. Plus, I'm counting on the fact it was offset by the sunny September weekend we just had.

With that out of the way, I wish all of you a wonderful year at the Faculty, road bumps notwithstanding. Getting admitted to law school is hard; going through it is also hard. But mostly, it's a lot of fun.

Law I

LUDOVIC  
BOURDAGES

PG13

(SOME MATERIAL MAY BE INAPPROPRIATE  
FOR CHILDREN UNDER 13.)

Mon corps est une viande  
prête à être mangée


Hiroshima et Nagasaki enrobés d'aluminium  
dans les micro-ondes atomiques américains  
le fast-food allemand qui ouvre des franchises  
à Auschwitz et à Varsovie  
le svastika tatoué sur le bétail humain  
enchaîné en bas âge dans des étables  
en Inde, au Niger et en Thaïlande  
transporté aux abattoirs du monde  
dans les métros de Londres  
dans les trains de Madrid  
dans les avions du 11 septembre 2001  
saigné au Darfour et au Rwanda  
et vendu dans les pays Costco

nous vivons dans un monde  
au régime cannibale.

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*Ce poème est le premier  
d'une série intitulée PG-13  
(Some Material May Be  
Inappropriate for Children  
Under 13.)*




 A black circular profile picture of a man with short dark hair, wearing a dark shirt.
 

AUSTIN  
DEL RIO

# RE: FINIS LES DISCOURS ALAMBIQUÉS!

## ALCOHOL, CENSORSHIP, AND DIVERSITY WITHIN THE FACULTY

Scott Horne had it right: orientation week centered too much on booze, and I just want to say that I wholeheartedly support his article in the September 13 issue of the Quid. Now, perhaps playing the race card was a bit of an over generalization, but I feel that his overall conclusion of orientation week being too drinking-centered holds true nevertheless.

Like him and perhaps others at the faculty, I would fall into the group that doesn't quite feel attracted to heavy drinking as the ideal evening entertainment. I do believe in balance and moderation and that a little of most things won't harm you, including drinking alcohol. I loved the dinner at l'Académie, I just didn't drink, and I had a really great time at the Partner's lunch and Welcome Ball where I thoroughly enjoyed a nice glass of wine. But I must admit, the bar scene just doesn't appeal to me and


thus perhaps like Scott, I did feel somewhat on the outside of the orientation events.

Here's an idea: perhaps on one night, instead of cruising the Montreal night life, we could have a picnic under the stars. Or for those who might be willing to spend 50 or 100 dollars on alcohol, how about an evening at a local Montreal playhouse or music show instead?

I just want to conclude by emphasizing how thankful I am for all the work that the LSA team did put into the planning of the events. They are, of course, volunteering their time and even if we can think of ways to improve for upcoming years, I think in many ways we really did start off this year with a great show.

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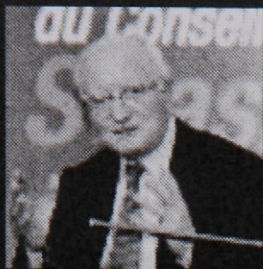
## PAR L'HYPONCONDRIAQUE


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JONATHAN  
BROSSEAU

cette ancienne horloge dans la poitrine  
sucrée de l'itinérant alcool à  
friction pour que je t'aime après avoir  
jeûné toute une vie durant tellement  
spirituels les splendides vautours  
encryptés dans la glace oxygène en  
un seul morceau les survivants ont soif  
de tout et de toi aussi puisque le  
pont violé la schizophrénie est  
un marécage avec des vagues blanches





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Legal Pluralism

Jean-Paul Costa, President of the European Court of Human Rights:  
**Freedom of Expression & the  
European Court of Human Rights**

September 21, 2011 | RM 312 NCDH, McGill Faculty of Law | 12:30-1:30PM



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<http://www.echr.coe.int/echr/>

Protestors marching in downtown Copenhagen, Denmark in February 2008.



VINCENT  
RANGER

# CHRONIQUES FACULTAIRES

*Les chroniques facultaires traiteront de différents sujets qui touchent notre Faculté. Aujourd'hui, je commence avec quelques sujets légers.*

## Y A-T-IL UN RESPONSABLE DES COMMUNICATIONS DANS LA SALLE?

Parmi les nombreuses choses qui m'avaient frappé en entrant en droit, c'est le peu d'égard avec lequel la faculté gère la liste des courriels des étudiants. Même si la situation s'est améliorée dernièrement, c'est fascinant de voir le volume de courriel que nous recevons de la faculté. Notice Board, CDO, LSA, groupes étudiants et tutti quanti. Alors que beaucoup d'institutions utilisent parcimonieusement l'envoi massif de courriel (c'était le cas lorsque j'étudiais à l'Université de Montréal), ici, tout le monde semble pouvoir envoyer n'importe quoi, n'importe quand. Le porte-étendard de ces abus, la mystérieuse Margaret Baratta, nous rappelait d'ailleurs la semaine dernière de porter attention à tous ses courriels. Dans un message, je l'espère auto-dérisoire, elle affirmait

You may have heard about my emails from returning or outgoing students. I provide valuable material for skit night. Your immediate impulse will be to delete my messages without reading them. But then you take a very big chance that you will miss valuable information such as which elevators are not working.

Alors que Mme Baratta semble trouver très drôle de nous informer sur l'état des ascenseurs ou des réparations de la tuyauterie, se rend-elle au moins compte que cela a comme impact de diminuer la lecture des courriels que nous envoie la Faculté? Pourquoi la Faculté ne regroupe-t-elle pas toute l'information au sein du Notice Board et n'interdit-elle pas aux groupes d'envoyer des courriels autrement? Pourquoi n'y a-t-il personne qui n'ait réalisé que cela ne donne rien que d'informer les étudiants sur l'état des ascenseurs ou sur quels murs seront peints cette semaine? Pourquoi n'y a-t-il pas des listes spécifiques pour rejoindre, par exemple, uniquement les étudiants en première année? Je comprends que nous sommes censés lire consciencieusement tout ce qu'on nous envoie, mais l'attention diminue nécessairement avec le volume.

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## ON N'ARRÊTE PAS LE PROGRÈS...

Dans les quelques nouveautés que j'ai eu le bonheur de constater cette année à la Faculté, j'en mentionne une notable : le changement du système d'impression à l'Atrium et à la bibliothèque. Alors qu'en trois ans à McGill, je n'ai jamais eu aucun

problème à imprimer ou photocopier quoi que ce soit, il semble que le sous-financement en éducation n'empêche pas l'Université de changer tous ces photocopieurs. Au surplus, ce projet semble être caractéristique de plusieurs grands projets technologiques de notre époque : se faire vendre un système mur-à-mur pour uniformiser le fonctionnement de l'ensemble d'une institution. Le seul hic, c'est qu'on ne se préoccupe pas de savoir s'il y a un problème... Et il n'y en avait pas.

Le résultat? Alors que nous avons déjà à l'Atrium l'impression recto-verso et la facturation directement sur notre compte, nous avons maintenant une imprimante très lente (eh oui... on remplace par du moins performant) où chaque personne doit avoir sa carte étudiante et entrer son mot de passe sur un écran tactile pour pouvoir imprimer. Lorsque plusieurs personnes impriment en même temps, ça double le temps pour pouvoir récupérer ses documents. Je prédis déjà l'hécatombe en fin de session.

Mais bon. Probablement que le représentant de Xerox était très convaincant pour vendre ce système à l'Université...



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Law II

# POSSIBILITÉS SANS PRÉCÉDENT EN TURQUIE

Géo-stratégiquement, les plaques tectoniques se déplacent ces jours-ci au Moyen-Orient, une situation qui en inquiète plusieurs dans le monde occidental. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, le Premier Ministre de la Turquie, est en train de devenir le porte-parole d'une région arabe sans chef. En attendant, Israël est contraint d'occuper une position de plus en plus précaire. Le Premier Ministre Netanyahu, en plus d'être accablé par un président qui pourrait être le président américain le plus libéral depuis Jimmy Carter, est contraint d'accueillir les forces égyptiennes le long de sa frontière au sud, un recul depuis le traité de paix israélo-égyptien de 1979. Plusieurs médias prévoient déjà la montée d'un "Néo-Ottomanisme".

But this is probably more cause for celebration than for concern. Erdogan's rise marks an historic opportunity to bring moderation to mainstream Middle Eastern politics. Equipped with a tolerant and secularized political culture and an even stronger tradition as leader of the Arab world, Turkey is in a unique position to spread ideological waves across the streets of a highly receptive region. A successful Palestinian bid for entry into the United Nations on Wednesday will only bolster Turkey's position.

Toutes les tendances de la région se combinent pour former une recette aboutissant au succès. Aussi malhonnêtes que

puissent paraître les gestes démocratiques des groupes comme le Hamas ou le Muslim Brotherhood, leur engagement (fournir des soins de base et offrir une éducation primaire aux Musulman(e)s) attire de plus en plus la sympathie du peuple. S'il y a une guerre qu'on a perdue depuis la chute de l'URSS, c'est la guerre idéologique avec les Islamistes, ce qui a comme conséquence que nos politiciens sont forcés d'adapter leurs stratégies à cette nouvelle réalité.

2012 could prove to be a watershed moment in the constitutional history of the region, with the legal futures of Egypt, Libya, and potentially Syria up for grabs. The structure that these constitutions take will determine whether democracy, peace, and prosperity ultimately take root in the Orient. Erdogan's tongue-in-cheek call for secular institutionalism in a highly religious atmosphere is a clear attempt at top-down ideological engineering. But such gambles have paid off in the past. Gamal Abdel Nasser used the 1956 Suez Crisis to slingshot his country into an era of influence that lasted more than a decade. Unfortunately, by the time American foreign policy leaders began to embrace the concept of a multipolar global power structure in the 1970s, Arabism was already on the wane.

Cependant, ce qui semblait être une menace dans le contexte de la Guerre froide est devenu une nécessité au 21<sup>e</sup> siècle :

l'unité au Moyen Orient. Avec l'annonce récente de General Electric - ils ont testé avec succès l'enrichissement d'uranium au laser (longtemps considéré comme un mythe) -, la capacité des états d'infliger des dégâts incommensurables sur l'Ouest est beaucoup plus présente qu'elle ne l'était auparavant. L'état le plus dangereux est celui qui a été ostracisé, n'ayant plus rien à perdre. Diviser pour mieux régner n'est plus viable comme moyen de politique étrangère. Un Moyen Orient stable et unifié n'est pas quelque chose que nous, les Occidentaux, devrions craindre.

After all, the occidental and oriental worlds share a deeply interwoven Abrahamic moral fabric. We in the West should not view ourselves as above some of the practices that go on in the Middle East. We are all symptoms of our times and circumstances. Students of history and anthropology understand how amorphous the boundaries between East and West have always been. Identities are man-made, and we have been given a chance to write a narrative that stresses our common roots. European or Arab, deep down we are creatures of the same breed. Turkey is not the crux that decides the war; it is the glue that keeps the family together.





# LIBRARY NEWS

## LAW LIBRARY OPENING HOURS DURING THE MUNACA STRIKE

### Monday - Friday

Services 10:00 a.m. – 5:45 p.m.  
Study hours 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

### Saturday - Sunday

**Library Closed**

If you need a place for study after 6:00 p.m., please keep in mind that two largest McGill Library branches, the **Humanities and Social Sciences Library** and the **Schulich Library of Science and Engineering** remain open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for study. For the most up-to-date information about our opening hours please check our website <http://www.mcgill.ca/library/library-using/branches/law-library/>

## LAW LIBRARY RENOVATIONS UPDATE

During this summer, we have been renovating this building to create more study space for our students and moving our print collection to give more space for the new books. Due to the unforeseen circumstances, not all the renovations and book-moving have been finished before the beginning of the school year. Compared to the 2010-2011 school year, the major changes include:

- 13 new large study tables (more than 50 study places) are installed at the 2nd floor
- All **Journals** and Canadian **Case Reporters** are shelved in the basement
- Reference Collection (dictionaries and encyclopaedias) is shelved on the ground floor next to the windows
- Microform collection and microform reader are relocated to the basement
- Spirit Book Scanner that saves your scanned documents directly to USB is moved to the photocopy room at the second floor

## LAW DATABASES USERNAME AND PASSWORD REMINDER

Starting from last September, McGill Law School students do not need individual usernames and passwords to log in Westlaw and QuickLaw.

- To access QuickLaw, click on **Register Later**
  - To log in Westlaw, DCL, RJB, Taxnet.pro, or Kluwer Arbitration you have to know your McGill student ID barcode number and your Library PIN
- Your barcode number is the 10 or 11 digit number above the barcode on your McGill card:



Your default PIN is your birth date, i.e., yyyymmdd (for example: 19801125 for the 25th of November 1980).

- The ONLY database, for which you need individual username and password, is AZIMUT. If you forget your AZIMUT username and password, please come to see us at the service desk.

**In this column, we would be delighted to answer all your library-services-related questions. Please send your questions to Svetlana Kochkina [svetlana.kochkina@mcgill.ca](mailto:svetlana.kochkina@mcgill.ca), Liaison Librarian, Nahum Gelber Law Library.**



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Law III

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SHORTT

## NOT ROCKET SURGERY

# STUDENT FEE OPT-OUTS

Every semester at McGill, there is a two-week opt-out period for a number of student fees. This semester's opt-out runs from the 15th of September to the 29th of September. You can reach the opt-out menu on Minerva by clicking "Student Menu" – "Student Accounts Menu" – "Student Fee Opt-Outs." Depending on what you opt out of, you can save up to \$35.

Note that you can opt out of the SSMU health and dental plan, assuming you're covered by another private plan, at a separate website: <http://ihaveaplan.ca/>. The opt-out period for the health insurance plan runs from September 1st to September 29th. The potential savings are \$184 for SSMU. The Post-Graduate Student Society has a health plan, but I don't think LLB/BCL students are included in the PGSS plan.

Returning to the SSMU fee opt-outs, there are a wide range of organizations and activities that receive opt-outable funding. I'd like to use this week's column to discuss some of these organizations and why you may, or may not, want to support them. One thing to keep in mind is that there

are roughly 25,000 undergraduates at McGill, so that even a fee of \$1 per-student-per-semester fee generates \$50,000 a year.

TV-McGill and CKUT. These are two very strange organizations with doubtful claims to students' money. TV-McGill makes videos that run on the eight or so televisions in the Shatner building, plus some internet videos on their website. I'm not really sure why they need \$60,000 to do this, so I would drop their \$1.15. No one really watches what they make, and what they make cannot have cost them \$60,000 a year to produce!

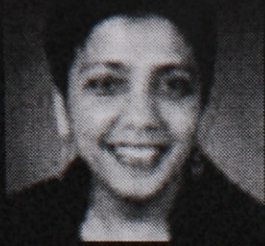
CKUT is even stranger. The idea of a college radio station is great in theory, but throughout my undergrad, the dirty secret on campus was that CKUT didn't actually employ many students. Something else that always bothered me is that CKUT once built up and spent a warchest of \$10,000 to convince students to renew its fee in a referendum. Spending massive amounts of student money in order to convince students to give you more money is dirty pool. I think it also speaks to the lack of genuine services provided

by CKUT to the McGill community that they needed to spend so much money on publicity. Again, I think this one is a safe opt-out.

QPIRG, or the Québec Public Interest Research Interest Group, is a very interesting and controversial opt-out. They lost a referendum battle a while back that forced them to make their fee opt-outable, and there has been lots of drama on the lower campus ever since. QPIRG has taken a stand on a number of controversial topics in the past, generally the extreme left position. If you don't support their politics, you may want to save \$3.75 a semester.

Then there are a variety of fees that I think everyone should pay, since opting out of them is difficult to do in good conscience. These include the SSMU library fee (\$8.50), the SSMU bursary fund (\$8.50), the SSMU charity fund (\$0.50), and the campus life fund (\$2.00). These fees all go to good causes, and in the case of the library fee/campus life fund, we are all beneficiaries of past investments by these funds, so it would not be entirely fair to opt-out of the current cycle.





**Annie MacDonald Langstaff hrwg**  
**Workshop Series gamdp**



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Radha D'Souza

**Imperial Agendas, Global Solidarities  
and Third World Socio-Legal  
Scholarship: Methodological Reflections**

**Oct. 3, 2011 | RM 202 NCDH, McGill Faculty of Law | 12:30 - 14:00**



Markets in downtown Kampala, Uganda.



# OVERHEARD AT THE FAC

On August 30th:

1L: Hi! I beg your pardon, I was wondering if you could help me; I can't log in to the computers.

Librarian: Are you part of this faculty?

1L: Yes, yes! I am not a SNAIL!

Librarian: Oh God! You've been here for two days now, and you already know what a SNAIL is!

peu de piquant dans ma vie.

Me Lamed: Doing a strip tease in front of a judge would be "conduct unbecoming to a lawyer".

Prof. [redacted]: I'm a professor, I don't fail. Except on student evaluations.

Prof. Gold: This is not civil law with the pretty boxes.

Prof. Adams: How could you be bored with private law? You promised me, you hurt me, you betrayed me: that's half of Shakespeare right there!

Prof. Gold: Lord Atkin in *Donoghue v Stevenson* had no idea what he was starting — if he did he probably wouldn't have!

Prof. [redacted]: I can do necromancy in my kitchen.

Me Dea, *on intuitive personae contracts*: Let's say I hire Céline Dion to sing at my wedding and she dies, who would sing instead? René?

Prof. Adams: If the young male teenagers are not playing cricket, God knows what they're doing!

Prof. Moyse, *à propos d'un procès québécois au XIXe siècle*: "C'est le Jean Coutu du droit: on se sert de tout et n'importe quoi."

**Hear a funny quote?**

**Envoyez-la à :**

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2L: I want to be a corporate bitch.

Prof. Moyse: C'est la semaine d'orientation... ou de désorientation; ça dépend combien de liquide vous ingérez.

Prof. [redacted], *on watching a TV show*: We'll have to fast forward a bit through the irrelevant parts, such as people masturbating in Santa Claus hats.

Prof. Moyse: Albert Camus aurait été un espion. I wish I could be. Ça mettrait un

## PHOTOS

Schwartz's smoke meat brought the crowds at Baker & Mackenzie Coffeehouse (September 15, 2011).



Des étudiants de la faculté se préparent à jouer une partie de soccer amicale avec Stikeman Elliot (13 septembre 2011).



BEVERLY

# UN/SOLICITED ADVICE

## THE WELCOME EDITION

Hello fellow law students! Welcome to your newest Quid feature: **Un/Solicited Advice**. Two *Reasonable Women* will advise you on a semi-regular basis about a wide range of topics, including: relationships, strategies for success, what to do while you're skipping Legal Meth, and cures for the September – December blues (which will start to kick in soon if they already haven't).

Please send us your questions and comments to **dear.beverley@gmail.com** - confidentiality guaranteed!

xo,  
Bev

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**Dear Beverley,**

Are you really sure you're qualified to give relationship advice? You are law students, after all. Shouldn't you be giving us more practical info, like, where the best seats in the Gelber are?  
- *Big Citation Lover*

**BCL,**

You are clearly in 1L, and, since you need to ask, probably didn't attend orientation. We may be only two, but we've collectively experienced, first-hand, romantic encounters with over [redacted] fellow students. Trust us. You can ask us anything! If we don't know the answer, we'll find someone who does. Failing that, we'll make it up.

Oh, and the optimal place to sit in the G is near the mooted offices on the 3rd floor. It's clearly the best spot for ~~stalking~~ watching those good-looking 3Ls and 4Ls.

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**Chère Beverley,**

On ne commence que la deuxième semaine des cours et je me sens déjà débordé. Je n'arrive pas à lire toutes les lectures; par contre, les autres étudiants arrivent en classe avec leurs manuels soulignés. Je suis complètement stressé. Vais-je rattraper le retard? Vais-je réussir mes cours?  
- *Juste Découragé*

**JD,**

Stop right there. The panicking: no. It's not worth it! Relax. Breathe. Take a step back. You've got this! You already know the answers to your questions. You know what you are capable of. You are here because you worked hard and you want to be here. You are clearly going to make it through the year!

In all seriousness, most of your peers are feeling the exact same way. We were, and we survived! We even had some fun while doing it.

Everything will "B" fine. We promise.

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**Dear Beverley,**

Ok, so, looking for some advice! I am single, and there are so many apparently single, good-looking students at all these events. Any tips for finding that special someone in the crowd?  
- *Likes Law Babes*

**Dear LLB,**

We are here to give *reasonable* advice, we're not wishful-thinking enablers. To be honest, you're not going to find that "special someone" in the September whirlwind. Trust us, we tried – two years – and it didn't work out so well! But hormones and alcohol flow freely during those first few weeks, so we're here for you. We've got your back. Our recommendation: **exchange students**. At least when it gets awkward (usually around the Legal Meth Canned Memo due date), you know they'll be a distant memory come January.

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Well folks, that is all for the inaugural column of **Un/Solicited Advice**. We won't have much to say without you, so **please write in to dear.beverley@gmail.com** - no question too silly! No comment too inane! No offer of a date will be left unconsidered!

xo,  
Bev



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